

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 OES-03 COME-00 H-02 SCS-03 L-02 EB-07

OFA-01 SCA-01 INR-07 DLOS-03 PRS-01 CG-00 DOTE-00

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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4896

INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 1996

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EFIS CASC EC US

SUBJECT: NEPTUNE INCIDENT

REF: A) STATE 63508 B) QUITO 1841 C) QUITO 1844

1. EMBASSY AND CONGEN PREPARING RESPONSES TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS  
RAISED REFTEL. CONGEN WILL BE REPLYING DIRECTLY TO QUESTIONS  
CONTAINED IN PARAS 4 AND 5.

2. AS REGARDS PARA 3C REFTEL, ROSARIO DID INDEED MAKE STATE-  
MENT FOR THE RECORD AND IT WAS POUCHED TO ARA/EP, ATTENTION  
KING, ON MARCH 14.

3. CONCERNING PARA 8, AMBASSADOR CARDENAS' STATEMENT TO  
ARA/EP THAT THERE IS AGREEMENT BETWEEN NAVATT AND ECUADOREAN  
CNO TO DROP RECIPROCAL CLAIMS GROWING OUT OF NEPTUNE INCIDENT  
IS NOT RPT NOT CORRECT. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE FROM TEXT OF  
LETTER FROM NAVATT TO ECUADOREAN CNO, TEXT OF WHICH TRANS-  
MITTED IN QUITO 1841, THAT WE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT  
EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO RECOVER MISSING ARTICLES AND THAT  
COMPENSATION BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE NOT RECOVERED.  
CARDENAS SEEMS TO BE REFLECTING VASQUEZ' PERSONAL VIEW  
OF THE SITUATION BUT DEFINITELY NOT OURS. DEPARTMENT  
WILL RECALL FROM PARA 2 OF QUITO 1844 REPORTING NAVATT/  
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VASQUEZ CONVERSATION THAT VASQUEZ HIMSELF HAD MADE

OBSERVATION THAT HE FELT "HIS BILL CANCELLED OUR BILL",  
OVERLOOKING FACT THAT OURS HAD BEEN PAID. ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION CONTAINED MEMCON POUCHED ARA/EP MARCH 18

4. FINALLY, GREATLY APPRECIATE BURICH'S LAUDATORY COMMENTS  
ABOUT PERFORMANCE OF CONGEN AND EMBASSY EMPLOYEES ON THE  
SCENE. I SHARE THE VIEW THAT ALL OF THOSE INVOLVED DESERVE  
TO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR EFFORTS, AND HAD ALREADY INITIATED  
ACTION TO DO SO.  
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